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Inventor(s) : Sture Östlund et al.
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Title : **APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUS CASTING OF METAL STRIPS**
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Re: Certificate of Correction

Consideration has been given your request for a certificate of correction, for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule 1.322 and 1.323.

Respecting the alleged error(s) in your request, in item (73) Assignee, please see the attached copy of letter (4/13/07) of Petition being dismissed by the Office of Petitions. Please contact Examiner Karen Creasy@ (571) 272-3208. No correction is in order here.

Further consideration will be given concerning this matter upon receipt of a request for **Reconsideration** (reconsideration should be accompanied by supporting document(s) such as, amendment, postcard receipt, 1449/892, etc.) and should be filed and directed to Decisions & Certificates of Correction Branch.

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the request filed December 11, 2006 and resubmitted on March 8, 2007, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 3.81(b)¹ to correct the assignee on the front page of the above-identified patent by way of a Certificate of Correction.

The petition is Dismissed.

Petitioner seeks to have a Certificate of Correction issued in the name of LUVATA OY. 37 CFR 3.81(a) permits the patent to issue to the assignee, provided that, at the time the issue fee is paid, the name of the assignee is provided. 37 CFR 3.81(b) permits the patent to issue in the name of an assignee if the assignment was submitted after payment of the issue fee but *prior to issuance of a patent*. PTO assignment records disclose that this patent issued in the name of OUTOKUMPU OYJ. As such, issuance of a Certificate of Correction would not be proper at this time. Additionally, assignee LUVATA OY was recorded on March 8, 2007, which is well after the patent issued on February 28, 2006.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

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¹See Official Gazette of June 22, 2004